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WAR COMMITTEE LETTER #1.

The Toronto Chapter House has been closed since May 1st. as a result of the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Chapter on March 4th, 1916. The activities and interests of the chapter are now entirely in the hands of the War Committee of which Brother Joseph Banigan '17, Douglas Drive, Toronto, is the Chairman. It is the wish of the Committee to keep in close touch with all the members; this is very difficult as so many are going overseas or are being transferred from one unit to another. If you happen to have any information which you think might be of interest the Committee would greatly appreciate it if you would communicate it to the Chairman. The Committee will also undertake to forward letters, copy letters and distribute them to several members, send packages or perform any other possible service.

At the present time we have a record of seventy-six of our men on active service, an evidence of patriotism of which we have every reason to feel proud. To date our men have been very fortunate and we have had few casualties.

CASUALTIES UP TO END OF AUGUST.

Capt. E. J. Kylie, '01- Died May, 1916, at Owen Sound.  
Major George Ballard, '04- Wounded at Langemarke, April 1915.  
Lieut. W. N. Hanna, '17- Injured in France.  
Lieut. V. C. Gordon, '12- Injured by fall from aeroplane.  
Lieut. J. M. Robertson, '14- Seriously ill at Port Said,  
Subsequently recovered and moved to France.  
Lieut. F. H. Wood, '01- Prisoner of war in Germany.

HONORS AWARDED.

Major T. C. Irving, '03- Distinguished Service Order.  
Chevalier W. E. Doherty - Knighted by the King of Italy.  
Lieut. J. G. Wier - Mentioned in despatches.

The following is our record in brief. Except where Canadian address is given address through Army P.O., London, Eng.

Lieut. C. E. Baker, '16. Has qualified as a lieutenant but is not as yet attached. #1915 1st Ave., Prince Albert, Sask.

Major Geo. Ballard, '16. Enlisted at the outbreak of war in the 4th Bn. C.E.F. Was wounded at the battle of Langemarke in April, 1915, while leading his platoon. Invalided to Canada in July '15. Attached to the 76th. Bn. at Collingwood in August. Left for overseas in June '16. Reported ill and in hospital since arriving in England. Brother Ballard was married in June 1916 to Miss Anne Young of Hamilton.



Lieut. Col. S Beckett, O.C. 75th. Bn. C.E.F. Brother Beckett is a Cornell D.U. and before the war practiced his profession of architecture in Toronto.

Major C.C. Bell, '96. A.D.M.S., 1st Division, London.

Lieut. S.G. Bennett, '14. Royal Engineers, with the 1st. Indian Cavalry Division, France. Address Keble College, Oxford.

Lieut. E.C. Bevan, '16. R.F.A. Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, 11th. Division, 58th. Brigade.

Major S.P. Biggs, '04. Canadian Engineers, Toronto.

Capt. Albert H. Boddy, '13. 162nd. Bn., C.E.F., Niagara Camp.

Sgt. J.B. Brebner, '17. No. 4 General Hospital, Salonika Forces. Brother Bart is hoping soon to take out a commission in the Imperial Artillery.

Capt. Hubert A.W. Brown, '12. 169th. Bn., Camp Borden.

Col. H.A. Bruce. A.M.C. Recently promoted and appointed to inspect hospitals in England.

Lieut. Col. J.A. Clarke, '06. O.C. 72nd. Bn. C.E.F., Went overseas in April in command of the 72nd. Seaforth Highlanders of Vancouver.

Lieut. J.H. Clark, '12. Formerly in the 61st. Bn. Now instructing at the Canadian Machine Gun Depot, Risboro Barracks, Shorncliffe.

Chevalier W.E. Doherty, '11. O.C. Naval Italian Flying Corps. "Gink" and "Chevalier" do not sound like synonymous terms but such is the fact, the title having been conferred by the King of Italy for daring and skill.

Capt. Wm. S. Drewry, '05. Formerly of the 61st. Bn. reported now in France. Unit unknown.

Lieut. G.T. Evans, '17. Formerly at Kapuskasing Interment Camp and later Supernumerary 124th. Bn. Left Aug. 18th '16, with officers draft for overseas service.

Lieut. A.A. Fletcher, '13. No 4 General Hospital, Salonika, Greece.

Major Archibald Foulds, '04. 123rd. Bn. Left for overseas August 1916.

Capt. J. Gordon Gallie, '11. No. 4 General Hospital, Salonika.



Major Thomas Gibson, '97. 168th. Bn., Camp Borden.

Lieut. A.R. Gordon. Canadian Army Service Corps, now at Ottawa, taking a course in Mechanical Transport Branch.

Sub-Lieut. V.C. Gordon, '12. Flying Corps. When last heard of Van was recuperating from the effects of a drop of a few hundred feet. He was reported doing well.

Lieut. E.V. Graham, '07. Formerly of the 76th. Bn. Now transferred together with Bros. Husband and Rossiter to the 72nd. Bn. This is the battalion commanded by Brother Clarke. Vic was married in November, 1915, to Miss Katharine McCutcheon, Oshawa.

Lieut. Arthur Gray, '13. 122nd. Bn. Niagara Camp. Art was married on July 29, 1916, to Miss Florence Spencer.

Major. John Gunn, '03. 2nd Clearing Station, France

Lieut. W.N. Hanna, '17. Last reported at Highgate Hospital suffering from wound over his hip. Not serious or painful.

Lieut. M.M. Hart, '11. 4th. Canadian Mounted Rifles. Mel. is now in the trenches in France.

Lieut. G.B. Henderson, '11. Formerly of the 92nd. Now in France with the 15th. Bn.

Lieut.-Col. W.B. Hendry, '95. No. 4 General Hospital, Salonika, Greece.

Lieut. Lester Husband, '16. Formerly of the 76th. Bn. - now with other Brothers in the 72nd. Bn.,

Major T.C. Irving, '03 No. 2 Company, Canadian Field Engineers. The D.S.O. was recently conferred on Bro. Irving and his services were recorded by the Official Historian, Sir Max Aitkin, in his "Canada in Flanders".

Lieut. W.C. James, '16. Formerly of the 124th. Bn. On account of the sudden death of his father in June Brother James has resigned from the battalion and is now with the Toronto recruiting Depot.

Lieut. Ross Jamieson, '06. Ontario Government Hospital, Orpington, England.

Lieut. Max. Kerruish, '16. Formerly with 124th Bn. Sailed August 23rd. with special draft of officers for overseas service.

Lieut. Cleveland Keyes, '16. C/o S.K. Keyes, Esq., Dartford, England.



Capt. E.J. Kylie, '01. 147th. Bn. While on duty with his battalion at Owen Sound he succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever.

Lieut. P.A. Laing, '04. 1st. Tunnelling Company, C.E.F., now in France. Mentioned in despatches about four months ago.

Lieut. W.C. Laird, '14. Regina, Sask.

Lieut. Lisle Le Sueur, '09. Formerly 70th. Bn. of London, Ontario. Went to France a month ago. Unit not yet known.

Capt. T.R. Loudon, '05. Formerly Instructor in Engineering, Exhibition Camp. In June made Captain and Adjutant of No. 1 Construction Battalion.

Lieut. D. McLean, '18. 9th. Reserve Bn., Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Lieut. H.E. McCutcheon, '13. 26th. Reserve Squad, R.F.C., Turnhouse, Edinburgh.

Sgt. P.F. McIntyre, '18. 67th. Battery (University Battery) Pete gave up a commission in the G.G.B.G. to enlist with the University Battery as a private.

Major A.J. McKenzie, '96. 15th. Bn., C.E.F. M.O. After the second battle of Ypres Brother McKenzie was placed in charge of Moore Barracks Hospital, Shorncliffe, Eng.

Lieut. Gerald Megan, '96. 48th. Bn., Montreal. Sailed in August with draft of officers for overseas service.

Lieut. T.R. Merritt, '18. 1st. Canadian Command Depot, Monks Horton, England.

Capt. H. M. Nicholson, '10. 20th. Bn. C.E.F.

Lieut. R.J. Orde, '13. R.F.A., 8th. Battery, Indian Expeditionary Force. Reg. was in the force which attempted the relief of Gen. Townsend at Kut-al-Amara in Mesopotamia. Recently reported ill but not seriously.

Lieut. W.J. Preston, '14. Formerly of 86th. Bn. of Hamilton. Now taking machine gun course at Risboro Barracks, Eng.

Lieut. Homer Procter, '18. Governor General's Body Guard, Toronto.

Lieut. J.A. Ramsay, '08. Canadian Machine Gun Depot, Shorncliffe.



Lieut. F.A. Reade, '06. 79th. Battery.

Lieut. J.M. Robertson, '14. Last reported seriously ill at Port Said, Egypt.

Lieut. Harry Rossiter, '09. 76th. Battalion, April 12, 1916, made Adjutant of battalion. August 1916 transferred to 72nd. Battalion in France.

Corp. R.A. Seymour, '18. No. 531763, No. XI Canadian Field Ambulance. Ansley gave up a commission in the 72nd. Seaforth Highlanders and enlisted as a private.

Lieut. M.A. Seymour, '15. Flight Sub. Lieut. in training. Sailed May 15th. for England, receiving congratulations on his recent marriage to Brother Tom Merritt's sister.

Lieut. J.E. Sharman, '17. Sub. Lieut. R.F.C., England.

Lieut. E.C. Sheppard, '10 72nd. Battalion, Army Post Office, London, England.

Lieut. L.R. Shoebottom, '17. Universities Overseas Company, Toronto.

Lieut. A.C. Spencer, '07. 2nd. Canadian Division, Army Post Office, London, England.

Lieut. C.C. Thompson, '17. 124th. Bn., Bramshott Camp, England.

Lieut. W.H. Tytler, '06. No. 2 General Hospital, London, Eng.

Lieut. R.A. Walter, '17. 161st. Battalion, C.E.F.

Capt. Malcolm Wallace, '96. Second in command, University Training Company, U. of T., Toronto.

Lieut. D.B. Webster, '19. R.C.H.A., Ross Battery, Shorncliffe, England.

Lieut. H. Webster, '13. 34th. Battery, C.F.A.

Lieut. J.G. Weir, '08. Formerly of the 19th. Bn. Left for overseas summer of 1915, remained in England as Machine Gun Instructor in February, 1916. Now at front as Machine Gun Officer, 47th. Brigade, Machine Gun Co., 2nd. Canadian Division. Recently mentioned in despatches for gallantry and efficient work.

Lieut. T.J. Williams, '15. D60 R.F.A., 11th. Division, Egyptian Expeditionary Force.



Major Alex. Wilson, '04. 72nd. Bn., Army P.O., London, Eng.  
Lieut. A.A. Wood, '18. 177th. Bn., Camp Borden.  
Lieut. F.H. Wood, '91. Prisoner of war, Gutersloh, Westphalia,  
Germany. Wants letters badly.  
Capt. J.M. Wood, '12. 74th. Bn. England.  
Lieut. W.J.T. Wright. June 1916, Acting O.C. 67th. Battery,  
U. of T., Toronto.  
Major Fred Young, '97. 27th. Bn., C.E.F., Army Post Office,  
London, England.

Sept. 12. 1916.

President Falconer,  
University of Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed letter which the War Committee  
Toronto Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity is send-  
ing to all its members on Active Service may be of inter-  
est to you.

All undergraduate members have enlisted save  
four, three of whom are United States citizens, and the  
fourth has repeatedly failed to pass the medical  
examination.

We have a record of slightly over seventy-six  
members on Active Service, out of one hundred and  
ninety six living members.

Very truly yours,,

*Joseph Bangin*





## University of Toronto Engineering Society

ENGINEERING BUILDING  
THE UNIVERSITY

TORONTO, CAN.

October 30. 1916.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

The students of the Faculty of Applied Science represented by the undersigned, respectfully request that you, and through you the Military Committee, The Faculty and Board of Governors, answer the following questions. As the prestige of Varsity and its relation to National Service are at stake, we believe we are entitled to the information.

1. Why the men of the upper years have been discouraged from enlisting in the C.O.T.C.?
2. Why are men possessing C.O.T.C. certificates and not yet enlisted for overseas, discouraged and not urged to help train C.O.T.C. recruits, and thereby continue their own training?
3. Is it the intention of the Faculty to penalize the recruits in the C.O.T.C. by continuing the work of the University during drill hours?
4. Why is the academic credit for training in the C.O.T.C. less this year than last?
5. Why are there no supplemental examinations in the C.O.T.C. this fall at Varsity as at McGill?
6. Why was compulsory training in the C.O.T.C. not instituted in the U. of T. as in McGill University?
7. Is it the intention of the Faculty in the event of National Service for all citizens that men of Varsity be commanded by undergraduates of McGill University because of the foresight and patriotism of the latter Faculty?

Respectfully yours,

*Joseph Bannigan*  
*Stanley Coulter*  
*J. Christie*  
*E. Birdsall*  
*D. S. MacLean*  
*O. W. Titus*



University of Toronto.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Do men who enlist have the right to call themselves members of the COTC unit as long as it is maintained?

Have the men who enlist, enlisted for three years, or until discharged under the military regulation?

Will the credit given in the spring be based on a special exam? Under what are COTC officers as was the case last year?

Already a damper has been put upon recruits for COTC by the continuation of university work during drill hours.

Supplemental exam<sup>s</sup> for COTC. — number of officers among students who are competent to command.



In any further  
correspondence on  
this subject please  
quote Number and  
Date of this Com-  
munication.

No. S.I. P-4

Toronto, Ont., October 31st, 1916.

From O.C.,

School of Infantry

To President R.A. Falconer, C.M.G.,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

Following our conversation of yesterday, I have to-day had a long talk with Mr. Banigan re his letter to you of October 30th and I feel that, outside of the question raised in paragraph number 6 of his letter, he now sees things in a rather different light.

To deal with his letter, seriatim,

- (i) Men of the upper years are not discouraged from enlisting. This is made clear in the statement published in "Varsity" October 23rd.
- (ii) Mr. Banigan could not state one case of this kind and knew of nothing to justify this statement published in "Varsity" October 23rd.  
The only undergraduate who has offered his services to the Corps through me is a Mr. Rae an unqualified member in Medicine and a returned man whose assistance has been most gratefully accepted. I told Mr. Banigan that at the moment we had sufficient instructors, but that we would be delighted to have the men in question definitely offer their services so that we could use them as required.
- (iii) I told Mr. Banigan that I felt quite properly the University had made this a question of enrollment and that work would be discontinued if attendance justified this action.
- (iv) This is apparently a misunderstanding as credit, I understand, will be allowed as last year under the conditions laid down in "Varsity" October 23rd.
- (v) The C.O.T.C. regulations do not provide for any supplementary examinations and no one knows, with authority, that supplementary examinations are being held at McGill.  
At the present time an examination is being conducted for thirty-nine members of the U. of T., O.T.C. who have been drilling all summer. Obviously it would be unwise, both from the standpoint of the Corps and the individual to conduct supplementary examinations for members who failed last Spring and who, in almost every case, have been engaged in civilian occupation during the summer. They would only fail again.

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(President Falconer, C.M.G.)

- (vi) This is of course a question with which I cannot deal but which Mr. Banigan seems to consider of the utmost importance.
- (vii) After explaining to Mr. Banigan the effort made by the University and C.O.T.C. and the response given by the Students to the raising of a University Battalion last Spring, I think he is agreed that this question is not justified. The experience then was that the Staff and Officers were ready but that student support was entirely lacking.

Question 1 of your memorandum.

All members on attestation are enlisted for 3 years or until discharge and the corps will be glad to fulfil its obligation of training its members for this period.

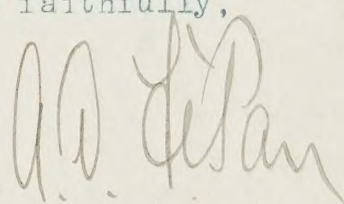
Question 2 of your memorandum.

It is assumed that credit will be based as last year on an examination set by the University and conducted by the C.O.T.C., attendance at drill and a report on each member interested in the work.

Finally I tried to impress upon Mr. Banigan that neither the University, the C.O.T.C. or the Staff can afford to do less than last year and that it was the wish of the University and the C.O.T.C. that every physically fit male student should drill. If the students were to reciprocate it would mean that every physically fit male undergraduate, who could not at present go overseas, would be enrolled as a member of the C.O.T.C.

I hope this answers the questions raised in Mr. Banigan's letter.

Yours faithfully,



Lt-Col.  
O.C. School of Infantry.



November 3rd, 1916

Joseph Bannigan, Esq.,

President, University of Toronto Engineering Society.

Dear Mr. Bannigan:

I understand that you have seen Colonel LePan to whom I handed your letter containing certain questions relative to the C.O.T.C.

Colonel LePan informs me (1) that men of the higher years are not discouraged from enlisting. This is made clear in a statement published in "Varsity" of October 23rd.

(2) The Colonel also says that you could give him no instance of any one who possessed a C.O.T.C. certificate and who had not yet enlisted for overseas who had offered his services for instruction and had been rejected. He informs me also that at the moment there were sufficient instructors, but that he would be delighted to have men in question definitely offer their services as that they might be used as required.

(3) The Faculty of Applied Science will facilitate the entrance of students upon the work of the C.O.T.C. as they did last year by making such arrangements that they will not suffer from their non-participation in laboratory work during drill hours.

I have spoken on this matter both to the Dean and to the Secretary of the Faculty, who assure me that this is the case. If you have information that leads you to believe that any Professor is acting otherwise I should be glad to look into the matter.

(4) Academic standing for the passing of examinations in the C.O.T.C. work held in the spring by the university examiners will be



allowed this year just as it was last year.

(5) Colonel LePan informs us that the C.O.T.C. regulations do not provide for any supplementary examinations, and that no one knows with authority that supplementary examinations are being held at McGill. At the present time an examination is being conducted for 39 members of the U. of T. C.O.T.C. who have been drilling all summer. The Colonel further states that it would be obviously unwise both for the corps and the individual to conduct supplementary examinations for members who failed last spring, and who, in almost every case, have been engaged in civilian occupation during the summer. They would only fail again.

(6) Compulsory training in the C.O.T.C. has not been introduced so far into this University for several reasons. First and foremost, we were informed that those in authority have no desire to provide military training for men who have no intention of enlisting in the future. The C.O.T.C. at the present is meant to serve as a means of keeping men in training who intend to enlist at the earliest moment and of persuading those who have not made up their minds. It is now, however, the third winter that it has been in existence, and there seems no reason why the time of officers, who are very busy men, should be wasted in giving training to men who have been here and who have no intention of serving their country by enlisting. If the Government of the country were to decide in favour of compulsory service this University would very gladly indeed co-operate, but until that action is taken we see no reason for compelling men to drill who do not intend to enlist.



(7) This question seems to have been made owing to your having overlooked the fact that we have had in the University since last April two regular units for overseas service, one of them especially authorised for the purpose of training officers, and that from this unit already 60 officers have received commissions and 100 are now being trained. There will be no difficulty in securing officers from among those who have been trained under the direct oversight of the University of Toronto.

I do not understand what reason you have for seeming to reflect upon the patriotism of your own University. Her record during the war has been highly honourable. If you will allow me to say so I would suggest that you should use your efforts to induce every man possible to enlist in the C.O.T.C. and also to urge upon your fellow students the duty of considering whether they ought not to enlist for active service, at least after the middle of February, when they will receive credit for the present year.

Yours sincerely,

President.